

Decorative Art Work.

The exhibition by the Members of the Kiloana Art League has given decorative art an impetus such as has not been felt for years. The China painting fad has reached us and some handsome specimens were shown in the art rooms. The material for doing the work came from us and we now have in stock an elegant assortment of Lacroix Tube Colors and Brushes, Burnishers Stipplers used in this class of work. Our stock is complete with the finest assortment of colors, brushes, canvas and frames for art work.

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Time.

SATURDAY, Sept. 21.

Capt. Dabel still continues growling. His gentle voice we hear occasionally entreating the men to not go to sleep on the slings. Capt. Williams has a little of the entreating disease. He sent one of the men after the slings in the lazarette. He was gone longer than was necessary and when he came back the captain says: "How you have grown. If this occurs again I will put a setting of eggs under you."

We engage in a little pastime, telling stories. Smith was telling some of his to Harry Webb after they had turned in for the night. Harry took a short nap in the meantime, and when he woke up, which he did by hearing somebody talking, there was Smith still buzzing in his ears one of his delightful stories. Harry says: "Smith, excuse me for going to sleep, but you keep right on; it will be all right any way."

Last night was our receiving of visitors. The officers paid us a visit and we enjoyed a very pleasant time, but of all the fish stories you ever heard, some corks were rendered in good style on that occasion. In timing the men as to what pursuits they had engaged in since they were old enough to shift for themselves, an aggregate to each man of ages from 150 to 300 years was discovered. But we will forgive them for it; they told it well. That is some consolation anyhow, although we were wishing them good night, in our minds, very often during the discussion.

Harry Webb says: "Smith is the greatest fellow out, but I don't blame him. He is bald-headed. Why, you see, boys, Smith sleeps under the window where we get all our fresh air. I usually wait till Smith gets to sleep, and then I let the top down. The wind and rain wakes Geo. Washington up. He shoves the window up. I get all of a perspiration and can't rest. Well, I wake up and find that window up again. I says to Kelly: 'Say, pard, we have got to move Washington; if we don't we will be dead men. And he will have the corpse ready, you bet. Let's move him over in the corner. I know it's hard on that bald pate of his, but we have got to have air.' Kelly says: 'I been feeling hot for the last few nights. Let's move him. Smith is a good fellow. We'll use taffy and move him without any noise.' Harry says: 'Leave it to me. I'll put him in the corner, have his bed all fixed, and then entreat him with tears in my eyes to let it be so if he wants to save our lives. He is a good boy and he will do it you bet. So mote it be.'

SUNDAY, Sept. 22.

Morning consumed by Smith and Hewett writing up their books from the requisitions for their respective companies.

Hewett says: "Smith, our work commences. I suppose orders will come in for shipments quite fast now; the slate is made up."

Afternoon was taken up pretty much by sleeping.

MONDAY, Sept. 23.

Work commences in earnest Smith and Hewett are in it with both feet. I have been in companies where they employ a great many laboring men, and I must say that I have never been among a more gentlemanly lot—pleasing, obey orders promptly without any growling—than the native boys on the dock handling freight. They seem to know their business in selecting different marks and placing them, and the work goes on from day to day. Every one is cheerful and willing to do what he is told, and they

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